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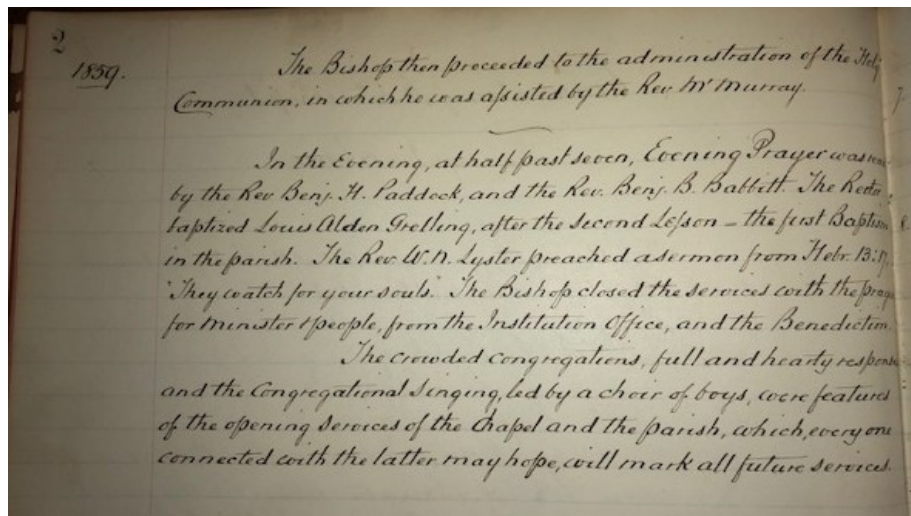
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St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

November 16, 2025

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



The original parish register, noting the chapel dedication



Rector's Rambling

Tomorrow is the 166th Anniversary of the dedication of the Chapel of St. John's in what was then the rural outskirts, outside of the City of Detroit.

It is hard for us to fathom that when the chapel, and then the church, were constructed, this was out in the country. Our founder, Henry Porter Baldwin, purchased this land to build a church – it was an apple orchard at the time! Future Governor/Senator Baldwin had built his country estate house where I-75 is located across Woodward Avenue. He surmised that Detroit would grow in this direction and he wanted the Episcopal Church to be planted here for those already living out in the country, and those to come soon thereafter.

The book **Fifty Years of St. John's Church** (1909) records for us:

The cornerstone was laid by Bishop McCroskey on Tuesday afternoon, April 19, 1859, with nine other clergy present.

... And now the Chapel was nearing completion. Two meetings were held in the Sunday School room of St. Paul's and one in the unfinished Chapel, "to practice in congregational singing," on which very rightly great stress was laid; and on Thursday morning, November 17, 1859, the congregation assembled for the first time for their common worship, on the occasion of the Consecration of St. John's Chapel. With the Bishop and the Rector were twelve other clergy. ... At Evening Prayer the same day, the Rector ministered the first Baptism in the parish, to Louis Alden Grelling (see photo above of the original parish register).

By the time the chapel opened it was already too small. Two weeks later the Vestry voted: *Resolved that in view of the fact that every seat in the Chapel is already rented, and that there is a large demand for additional seats, it is desirable that efforts should be made for the immediate erection of a Church seating about one thousand persons.*



ABOUT ST. JOHN'S

To Our Visitors

Welcome! The parishioners and clergy of St. John's are delighted that you have come to worship with us. We hope this house of prayer provides you with a place in which you can find solace, comfort, and strength. We invite your inquiries about the ministries available here at St. John's.

We offer a barrier-free environment for the infirm and handicapped. An access ramp for wheel chairs is located at the **SOUTHWEST** entrance of the church, near Woodward Avenue in the garden. There is also an elevator in the building which provides access to the undercroft, so everyone may fully participate in activities and fellowship.

We would be very pleased if you plan to return to St. John's on a regular basis, to **WORSHIP** as part of our parish family. Please complete a Visitor's Form located in the Order of Service and place it in the collection plate or give it to an usher.

Thank you for coming! We look forward to greeting you following the service today and hope to chat with you during our time of fellowship in the undercroft.

Communion Procedure

The Episcopal House of Bishops, in a 1979 teaching, lays out the following guideline for non-Episcopalians to receive communion in an Episcopal Church: The persons should 1) have been Baptized with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, 2) believe Christ is present in the sacrament, 3) have been admitted to Holy Communion in their own denomination, and 4) are attempting, by God's grace, to live in love and charity with their neighbor. If you have any questions, please speak to the priest.

To receive the Host, raise your crossed hands, right palm over left. You may also receive directly on the tongue. If you do not wish to receive the Cup, cross your arms over your chest and wait for the chalice bearer to pass by.

If you are not receiving communion, you still may come forward to the rail, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing.

If you are physically unable to approach the rail, please inform an usher and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

Pastoral Care

Please inform the clergy if you or a family member are ill, hospitalized, or unable to attend the regular worship of the Church so that a pastoral visit can be arranged. Please contact the clergy to discuss arrangements for baptisms, weddings, or burials **before** any announcement or other plans are made.

Outreach

Food may be deposited in the basket at the entrance of the church to aid the neighborhood ministry to the poor through **Crossroads and Georgia Street Community Co-op**.

Dedicated donations for the support of the **Malawi Education Fund** and **Rector's Discretionary Fund** can be put in the collection plate with a note in the memo line or on the envelope.

Collections of school supplies, cleaning supplies, garden tools, Christmas presents, mittens, sweaters, etc. occur throughout the year to support our community.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S NOVEMBER 16—NOVEMBER 23

Sunday 11/16 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Choral Holy Communion Sunday School Coffee Hour Evening Prayer
Monday 11/17 St. Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Requiem Mass Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Tuesday 11/18 St. Hilda of Whitby, Abbess, 680 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer
Wednesday 11/19 St. Elizabeth of Hungary, 1231 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Thursday 11/20 St. Edmund, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1240 A.D.	7:00 A 10:30 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion and Benediction Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Friday 11/21 Presentation of the BVM	7:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
Saturday 11/22 St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr, c. 190 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 11/23 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Sunday School Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour Evening Prayer

NOTE: The Chronicle went to the printer last Tuesday. Calendar updates or changes can be found at www.StJohnsDetroit.org

Collect for the Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity

LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)*

Morning Prayer

SUNDAY	32, 43	Ecclus. 27:30—28:7 Matt. 18:7–20
Monday	18:21–36	2 Kings 17:6–8, 12–18 Titus 1
Tuesday	25	2 Kings 21:1–3, 10–18 Titus 2
Wednesday	28	2 Kings 22:3–13 Titus 3
Thursday	30	2 Kings 22:14 Philemon
Friday	40:1–16	2 Kings 23:1–4, 11–14, 21–23
Saturday	31	2 John 2 Kings 23:24–30 3 John

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	51	1 Kings 8:46–53 Luke 7:36
Monday	20, 24	Deut. 4:1–9 Matt. 24:15–28
Tuesday	29, 36:5	Deut. 4:15–24 Matt. 24:29–41
Wednesday	34	Deut. 4:25–31 Matt. 24:42
Thursday	37:1–24	Deut. 4:32–40 Matt. 25:1–13
Friday	37:26	Deut. 5:1–21 Matt. 25:14–30
Saturday	27	Deut. 5:22 Matt. 25:31

* If there is no “ending” verse listed, then read to the end of the chapter.

WISH LIST — PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE ITEMS

New items to come soon.

Announcements

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER

Sunday Evening Prayer is prayed at St. John’s at **5:30 PM**. Join us for this 25 minute Service to finish the Sabbath Day as we started it - in worship and thanksgiving.

Weekday Services This Week –

Daily Morning Meditation

Streamed daily @ 7:00 AM

Holy Communion

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday @ 12:15 PM

Thursday at 10:30 AM

Evening Prayer

Monday through Thursday @ 4:00 PM

Christian Education – Sunday School today at 10 AM in the Undercroft.

Donations Accepted - we are accepting donations of individually wrapped packages of snacks (e.g., granola bars, cookies, nuts, etc.). While you’re shopping, please consider buying some, and bringing them in for the Church to use for Coffee Hour.

AED and Narcan - In case of medical emergency an Automated External Defibrillator and Narcan are located in the hallway between the Church and the Chapel, and also one in the Undercroft.

Parking Note - being a member of St. John’s does not mean that we can park in our side lot for free for Tigers, Lions games, shows at the Fox, etc. The lot is leased to Olympia Development, and we have use of it only for our church related events

Giving - If you are away on Sunday, you can mail your offering envelope to St. John’s, or contribute online with the our QR code through the GiveButter giving platform.

There may be a tax advantage to **donating stocks, bonds, securities, and property** to St. John’s. Speak to your advisor and contact the Treasurer for information on how to donate



LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

November 16

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Nancy Donnelly
Suzanne Porter
Melody Huffer

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Pamela Beeghly

Ushers 10:00 AM:

John Barge
Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
William Porter
Libby Schudel
George Waters
Terry Donnelly
Darren Savage
Elijah Buxo
Isaac Reed

Coffee Hour

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November 23

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Sarah Jean Babcock
Helene Waters

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Chelsea Hutchins

Ushers 10:00 AM:

John Barge
Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
William Porter
Libby Schudel
George Waters
Terry Donnelly
Darren Savage
Elijah Buxo
Isaac Reed

Coffee Hour

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The Vestry and Officers of St. John's

Peter Grim, Senior Warden
Pat Walter, Junior Warden
Cynthia Edwards, Secretary
Jared Moody, Treasurer

Terms expire January 2026

Elizabeth Butler David Gawrych
Bryan Monaco

Terms expire January 2027

Jared Moody Pat Walter
Helene Waters

Terms expire January 2028

Cynthia Edwards Peter Grim
Morley Stevenson

The Vestry typically meets monthly at 6:30 PM in the undercroft, September through June. All St. John's parishioners are welcome to attend.

St. John's Teaching Series

The Founding of St. John's Church

From the 50th Anniversary of St. John's Church

"Half a century ago Detroit (*in 1858 – ed.*), we are told, had a population of fifty thousand. Of these, some five thousand were living north of the Grand Circus Park. This part of our city was growing rapidly; in ten years its population had increased five-fold.

On Monday evening December 6, 1858, Mr. H. P. Baldwin – Junior Warden in St. Paul's since 1846, and advanced to Senior Warden the preceding Easter – brought together in his home on Woodward Avenue above George Street (now High Street West) twenty-one of his neighbors, to discuss with them the formation of a new parish. Mr. Baldwin had removed to his present home in 1855, and had realized more and more the urgency of planting the Church in this rapidly growing neighborhood. Frequently he had pressed it upon the Churchmen of the city. When, in the spring of 1858, Mr. Cargill offered for sale his property at the corner of High Street, occupied by a brick residence, Mr. Baldwin at once purchased it, for \$12,000. When, therefore, he invited these gentlemen to a meeting in his house, it was not for the exchange of expressions as to the necessity or the desirability of a new venture, for the creation of a sentiment to result at some future day in an actual undertaking. He offered a splendid piece of ground, 125 feet on Woodward Avenue and 175 feet on High Street (now Fisher Freeway), for the site of a church, a chapel, and a rectory; further, he had obtained plans for these three buildings, which contemplated the removal of the residence on the corner, to admit of putting the church there – although his first thought had been to use the residence for the rectory. Moreover, he pledged \$1,000 toward the chapel, and a brick rectory to be built entirely at his own expense on the south side of the lot, provided a subscription of \$7,500 in all could be raised to erect the chapel.

This first meeting was speedily followed by another. One week later, at the same place, reports were received, and action taken, the Rt. Rev. Samuel A. McCroskey, D.D., D.C.L., Bishop of Michigan, presiding. The subscription committee showed pledges amounting to \$7,600. Articles of Agreement were drawn up, and signed by twenty of those present; the day following five more names were added. St. John's was organized. The Articles of Agreement being thus signed, attested, and duly recorded, the first parish meeting was held on **St. John's day, December 27, 1858**, for the election of a Vestry."

A DAILY PRAYER FOR

St. John's Church

Bless, O Lord, this parish, and grant that Thy Name may be worshipped here in truth and purity, to all generations. Give Thy grace and wisdom to our Clergy, that they may exercise holy discipline, and be themselves patterns of holiness, simplicity, and self-denial. Bless all who worship here; take from us all pride, vanity and self-conceit, and give to us true humility and self-abasement. Enlighten our minds, subdue our wills, purify our hearts, and so penetrate us with Thy Spirit, and fill us with Thy love that we may go forth animated with earnest zeal for Thy glory; and may Thy living Word so dwell within our hearts that we may speak with that resistless energy of love which shall melt the hearts of sinners to the love of Thee. Open, O Lord, the hearts and hands of Thy people, that we may be ready to give and glad to distribute to our necessities. Bless the founders and benefactors of this parish, and recompense them with the riches of Thine everlasting kingdom, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer for Malawi, week of November 16:

Diocese of Kale Malawi—The Rt Revd Francis Kauanda; Leonard Kamungu Theological College; Diocese of Karonga; St. Ann's Hospital

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria; The Diocese of Recife—Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; The Diocese of Rejaf—Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Remo—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Renk – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Rhode Island—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Rift Valley—The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Clinton—St. John's

Gautier, DR—St. Thomas'

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



November 17

Ralph Babcock
Elizabeth Savage

November 18

Jeffrey Smith

November 22

Tom Mullin

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES

November 15

Christopher & Ariane
Thomas



OUR PRAYER LIST

Healing and Comfort: Alice B., Sarah B., Al F., Bonnie B., Brianna W., Christopher B., Daria R., Durene B., Endolyn C., Elaine D., Eleanore S., Harriett M., George W., Helene W., Jessica W., Jim Z., Julie B., Lawrence A., MJ B., Michael Z., Michael P., Paul M., Rexina M., Sabrina H., Sandra Z., Sandy D., Deb B.

If you would like to add a name to the Prayer List, please call the Church Office at 313-962-7358.

Serving in the United Nations: Sharon G. Lowery

Police Officers and Firefighters: For parishioner officers – Federal Service: Pat Walter; Orange County, NC: Michael Walter; and Fairfax County, VA: Stephen A. Shillingford.

Those Serving in the Military: Especially for Alan Mullin, Andrew Timpner, Brian Shea, Damon Dalby, Elijah Buxo, Ian Bass, Jonathan Walter, Kurt Helfrich, Nick Myers, Nick Norville, Steven Campbell, Joseph J. Sharpe, Ted Decker, Brian Finocchiaro, Catherine Finocchiaro, Zachary Livingston, & John R. Nicholson, III, graduate of West Point, Charles Lewis.

Diocese and the National Episcopal Church: That there may be a greater understanding of the Authority of Holy Scripture, and our submission to that Authority.

Year's Mind of Death:

Ralph Fordon	November 16, 1974
Dilworth Walker	November 16, 1976
Margaret J. Bridges	November 17, 1972
John J. Hartneth	November 17, 1976
Wilson C. Boughton	November 18, 1969
Mildred Emilie Luke	November 18, 1974
M. Kay Kartsen	November 19, 1950
Doris E. Kay	November 19, 1961
Russel Skitch	November 20, 1991
Bessie Simeson Shelleryford	November 20, 2010
Mary E. Williams	November 21, 19969
Yvette Marie McHugh	November 21, 2016
Anest Ada DuPius	November 22, 1960
Elinor Harris	November 22, 1997